

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 11-12 and 18 are pending in the present application. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the voicemail message of last week and the October 29, 2002 facsimile requesting clarification regarding the "L" moiety in Applicants' claimed invention.

Applicants have amended Claim 1 to clarify that "L" is defined as C₁₋₁₀alkyl; C₃₋₁₀alkenyl; C₃₋₇cycloalkyl; or L is C₁₋₁₀alkyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, indolyl, substituted indolyl, phenyl or substituted phenyl. Support for this amendment is found on page 2, lines 12-19 of the specification as filed. Claim 3 has been amended to change the dependency to claim 1 from claim 2.

Claim 2 (dependent on claim 1) is drawn to compounds wherein the "L" moiety is C₁₋₁₀alkyl substituted with phenyl, substituted phenyl, indolyl or substituted indolyl (i.e., wherein R^a and R^b taken together form a bivalent radical a-1 or a-2).


Applicants maintain that the claims, as amended, fully comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, second and fourth paragraphs.

In view of the above amendments and comments, Applicants maintain that the application is in condition for allowance and passage to issue is earnestly requested.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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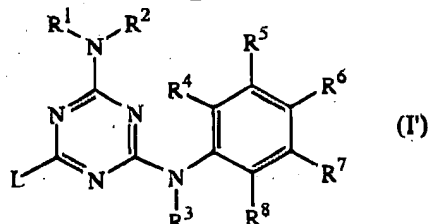
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Amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (three times amended) A compound of formula



a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt or a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, wherein

R¹ and R² are each independently selected from hydrogen; hydroxy; amino; C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl; Ar¹; mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminocarbonyl; dihydro-2(3H)-furanone; C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from amino, imino, aminocarbonyl, aminocarbonylamino, hydroxy, hydroxyc₁₋₆alkyloxy, carboxyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl and thienyl; or

R¹ and R² taken together may form pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, azido or mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylidene;

R³ is hydrogen, Ar¹, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl; and

R⁴, R⁵, R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl or trihalomethyloxy;

R⁶ is aminocarbonyl; or

L is C₁₋₁₀alkyl; C₃₋₁₀alkenyl; C₃₋₇cycloalkyl; ~~C₂₋₁₀alkyl; C₂₋₁₀alkyl;~~ ~~C₂₋₇cycloalkyl;~~ or

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L is C₁₋₁₀alkyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₃₋₇cycloalkyl; indolyl or indolyl substituted with one, two, three or four substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy, or C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; and phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy, or C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; and,

Ar¹ is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, nitro or trifluoromethyl.

3. (Twice amended) A compound according to claim ~~2~~ 1 wherein L is C₃₋₁₀alkenyl or C₁₋₂alkyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from C₃₋₇cycloalkyl; indolyl or indolyl substituted with one, two, three or four substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl.

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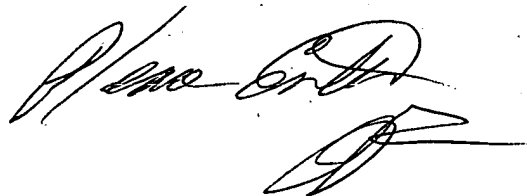
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